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FOR THE LOVE OF COVINGTON GRANT AWARDED AT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Covington, WA – On Thursday, April 5, the City of Covington awarded a \$500 grant to the best project idea presented by the community at the For the Love of Covington Workshop. Over 100 people attended the community workshop led by author Peter Kageyama (“For the Love of Cities”) and participated in group activities to discover what the community loves about Covington and generate manageable ideas to make Covington better.

After taking a visual tour of community-driven campaigns and projects that other cities have become known for, attendees split off into 15 different project groups to engage in two main activities. First, groups worked together to identify potential t-shirt designs for Covington based on the city’s attributes, some beloved like trees and mountain views, and others poking a little fun at traffic and trains.

The workshop culminated with a brainstorming activity asking groups the question “If you had \$500 to complete a community project in Covington, what would you do?” Some of the ideas generated included holding a roundabout street dance, installing an adult super slide, creating an art wall at Soco Park, implementing a farmer’s/flea market and more. All attendees voted on their favorite idea which was the C-Town Water Balloon Showdown generated by a group of teens to hold a community water balloon fight and picnic to kick-off the summer in Covington. This winning idea was awarded the \$500 grant.

“We are lucky to have such an engaged group of people who love Covington,” said City Manager Regan Bolli. “We had students, teachers, residents, business leaders and many more members of the community participate in great conversations about our city and we are excited to see them implement the water balloon showdown event.”

In closing remarks, Mayor Jeff Wagner thanked the community members for sharing their passion for Covington and extended an invitation to continue sharing that passion by attending and speaking at Covington city council meetings in the future.

[PHOTOS INCLUDED]

